

TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
Section A – Specific Information

Meadow Gorge

TIMBER SALE

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

Spotted Bear

RANGER DISTRICT

INTRODUCTION: This prospectus is to furnish sufficient information, in addition to that contained in the published advertisement, to enable prospective bidders to decide whether further investigation of the sale is warranted. Descriptions, estimates and other data in this prospectus are not part of the contract unless otherwise stated. In event the prospectus is in error, or contradicts the sample contract, the contract governs. Bidders are urged to examine the timber sale and to make their own estimates. Estimated quantities in the contract are not guaranteed. Sale area and sample contract should be inspected before submitting a bid. The appraisal, other information on the timber, and conditions of sale and bidding may be obtained at the Forest Service offices named in this prospectus. A copy of Section B (08/23/96 Revision) has previously been provided. If you wish to receive a copy with this sale, please contact the office indicated below, to request a copy. If you did not receive a copy initially, please request one. New copies of Section B will only be distributed at times of revision.

BID DATE:	May 7, 2013	BIDDING METHOD (2)	Sealed Bid
PLACE:	Flathead National Forest , Forest Supervisors Office, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901		
TERMINATION DATE (5):	July 31, 2014	NORMAL OPERATING SEASON:	June 1 to October 15
ADVERTISED STUMPAGE VALUE:	\$4.31/Ton Sawlog \$0.34/Ton Non Sawlog	LOCATION OF SALE (3):	T24N, R14W, S. 17, 20 T24N, R15W, S. 26, 35
APPROXIMATE HAUL DISTANCE:	81 miles	TYPE OF CONTRACT (1):	FS-2400-6
EST. TOTAL VOLUME (Tons) (4):	1916 Tons Sawlog 769 Tons Nonsaw	TOTAL ACRES IN CUTTING UNITS (3):	57
		TOTAL NUMBER OF CUTTING UNITS (3):	3
SBA SET ASIDE SALE? (2, 12) (500 Employees or less):	No	SSTS SET ASIDE SALE? (2, 12) (25 employees or less):	No
URGENT REMOVAL SALE? (16) (CTA may apply to other sales)	No	CONTAINS TIMBER FROM UNCOMPLETED CONTRACT? (2):	No
DEPOSIT FOR SALE AREA IMPROVEMENT WORK INCLUDED IN TOTAL TIMBER VALUE (4):	\$0.00	INCREASE IN APPRAISED VALUE TO REACH BASE RATES (4):	\$0.00
MILES OF SPECIFIED ROAD WORK (C & R) (8):	\$0.00	ROAD COMPLETION DATE (8):	N/A
NUMBER OF DAYS ALLOWED TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR OPTED ROADS (8):	N/A	SPECIFIED ROAD CONSTRUCTION COST ALLOWANCE (8):	\$0.00
CONTRIBUTED FUNDS TO PARTIALLY OFFSET APPRAISED DEFICIT (8)	\$0.00	PUBLIC WORKS ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST (8):	\$0.00
SUPPLEMENTAL ROAD CONST. FUNDS:	\$0.00	PURCHASER SHARE OF HIGHER STANDARD ROAD (8):	\$0.00

OTHER REQUIRED DEPOSITS (2, 4, 6, &):

BID GUARANTEE:	\$900.00	DOWNPAYMENT:	10% of Advertised value plus 20% of bid premium
SLASH DISPOSAL:	Lump Sum payment by unit	ROAD MAINTENANCE:	\$2.08/ Ton
PERIODIC PAYMENT DATES SPECIFIED IN A24 or AT21 (6):		SURFACE REPLACEMENT:	\$0.00/ Ton
FIRST PAYMENT DUE:	N/A	ROAD RECONSTRUCTION DEPOSITS:	\$0.00
SECOND PAYMENT DUE:	N/A		
MIN. PERFORMANCE BOND:	\$2,300		

Bids must be submitted on prepared forms that can be obtained from the District Ranger, Hungry Horse/Glacier View/Spotted Bear Ranger District Office, Hungry Horse, MT 59919. Or from the Contracting Officer, Supervisors Office Kalispell, MT 59901.

ESTIMATED VOLUME AND SALE STATISTICS:

Species	Base Rates	Advertised Rates	Est. Volume (Tons)	Est. Volume (CCF)	Vol./Ac. Tons	Defect %	Avg. DBH	Gross Logs/ CCF
LP	\$1.01/Ton	\$4.31/Ton	1327.62	447.00	23.29	8	8.8	22.2
DF	\$1.01/Ton	\$4.31/Ton	549.45	185.00	9.64	9	13.0	14.0
PP	\$1.01/Ton	\$4.31/Ton	0.95	0.32	0.02	13	11.4	24.6
WL	\$1.01/Ton	\$4.31/Ton	29.61	9.97	0.52	8	12.5	15.6
AF	\$1.01/Ton	\$4.31/Ton	0.26	0.09	0.005	7	7.8	43.5
S	\$1.01/Ton	\$4.31/Ton	7.78	2.62	0.14	7	9.1	28.2
Nonsaw	\$0.34/Ton	\$0.34/Ton	769.33	259.00	13.52	N/A	5.7	60.9
TOTAL/AVR.			2685	904				

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. This sale is the subject of litigation. The Forest Service may withhold award until the litigation is resolved. If the litigation is not resolved within 90 days of the bid date, the apparent high bidder may be provided an opportunity to extend its firm offer per item 21 of the bid form. At any time prior to the expiration of the firm offer, and any extension thereof, the apparent high bidder may request in writing to have the contract awarded upon first entering into a Pre-Award Waiver, Release and Limitation of Liability Agreement. Upon receipt of such request the Forest Service will determine whether or not to enter into Pre-Award Waiver, Release and Limitation of Liability Agreement. An example of a Pre-Award Waiver, Release and Limitation of Liability Agreement may be obtained from this office.
2. Logging operations must be completed by **June 30, 2013** for units **48 and 56** of this timber sale. (C6.316#).
3. Note: Provide your **TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN)** in the signature block of the bid form.
4. Contract provision B8.64 – Debarment and Suspension Certification (6/06) requires Purchasers to obtain certifications from its lower tier participants regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusions after award of the contract. Purchasers shall keep the certifications on its lower tier covered transactions on file until sale termination date, and will provide a copy to the Forest Service at the written request of the Contracting Officer. An example of this certification is shown following the instructions for page 101 of this contract.
5. Contract provision A15 states that the Termination Date is **July 31, 2014**.
6. A Prework conference is required annually before the commencement of work. The Purchaser shall arrange for this meeting with the Contracting Officer. (C6.10)
7. This contract includes a Lump Sum BD collection of \$720.00. Payment is by unit at the conclusion of skidding in each unit. (C4.228#)
8. The Sale Area contains Cultural, Wildlife and Botanical resources which must be protected. Refer to C6.24# for specific requirements.
9. Washing of equipment prior to entering the Sale Area is required in order to prevent the spread of noxious weeds (C6.351#); an allowance for this is NOT made in the appraisal.
10. High use roads are required to be kept open to public travel, as per Sale Area Map.
11. See C6.316# - Limited Operating Period (5/05) for timing Constraints.
12. This sale will be sold by the ton and 100% weight scale with split pricing for sawlog and non sawlog.
13. The appraisal for the sale was based on sawlog volume only.
14. The following contract provisions have been revised and are included in the Meadow Gorge Timber Sale Contract: **C5.316 - SNOW REMOVAL.** (4/13); **C6.822 - PRESENTATION FOR WEIGHT SCALING.** (4/13); **C6.823 - VOLUME DETERMINATION.** (4/13) **C6.849 - ROUTE OF HAUL.** (4/13)